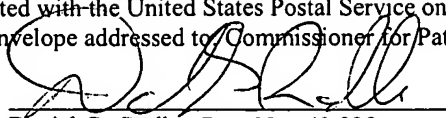


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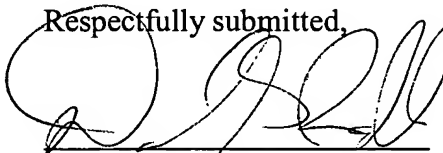
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Sir:

In response to a restriction requirement mailed on December 8, 2005 for the above application, Applicants elects claims 1-4 of Group I for continued examination. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications containing the unelected claims.

No additional fees for filing this response are believed to be due. However, if such fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to deposit account no. 17-0055.

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